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## Rep. Nygren Applauds Proactive Votes from the Controlled Substances Board

**Madison** – On Tuesday, State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), author of 17 different laws that tackle the epidemic surrounding prescription drug and heroin abuse, released the following statement regarding the actions taken by the Controlled Substances Board (CSB):

"Our state's Controlled Substances Board helped public safety today by placing certain synthetic drugs into our state's drug schedule. It did so quickly after becoming aware of the drugs, which helps our law enforcement entities prosecute illegal drug dealers. Today we can credit our state's District Attorneys, staff at the Department of Safety and Professional Services and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration for bringing substances like Beta-hydroxythiofentanyl, buryryl fentanyl, brivaracetam and U-47700 into Wisconsin's list of scheduled drugs, there were 6 in total.

The CSB is able to schedule new substances when state district attorneys discover their use as a factor in overdose deaths and report those substances. Some of the substances listed are being mixed with heroin and are killing people in Wisconsin and across the nation at a swift pace. Again, Wisconsin is leading in the nation by being as proactive as possible.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the hard-working District Attorneys in Wisconsin, the diligent employees at DSPS and the Governor for furthering our campaign against this epidemic."

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